

QA-584

Lee-Moning House

115 Edgewood Road

Chester vicinity, Queen Anne's County

Constructed 1936

Private

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. QA-584

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Lee-Moning House

other

2. Location

street and number 115 Edgewood Road not for publication

city, town Chester, MD 21619-2306 X vicinity

county Queen Anne's County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Jeffrey and Terresa Souder

street and number 205 Parks Road telephone

city, town Chester state MD zip code 21619-2224

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Courthouse liber SM 1217 folio 646

city, town Centreville tax map 64 tax parcel 43 tax ID number 04-043251

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	0
			Total
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Summary

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Description

Primary Resource

The Lee-Moning House sits on a level, grassy lot with a gravel driveway running west of the house from Edgewood Road to the garage. Shrubs and perennials line the foundation along the west elevation and the façade. One mature tree stands across the driveway to the west of the house, and a few immature trees line the front of the yard. Woodlands surround the lot on the west and north sides, and across Edgewood Road.

The house features a side-gable form with a nearly full-width, one-bay, screened porch across the facade, and large shed dormers that project from the front and rear roof slopes. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles and is pierced by a central, interior brick chimney with a corbelled cap. Wide, overhanging, open eaves with exposed rafter tails mark the cornice, and Craftsman-style brackets adorn the gables eaves. The house is clad in vinyl siding and the foundation was not visible at the time of the survey.

The façade is dominated by the front porch, which has a wide, front-gable roof, overhanging eaves, and is supported by two corner groupings of three posts set atop a solid balustrade (now clad in vinyl siding). The façade incorporates four windows: one in the easternmost first-story bay and the other three lighting the dormer. All contains six-over-six, double-hung, vinyl, replacement sash. The entry is located in the westernmost first-story bay, and contains a replacement vinyl door.

The house's west elevation has three irregularly placed, six-over-six, vinyl, double-hung windows, all on the first story. The east elevation is pierced by two, six-over-six, vinyl, double-hung windows, one of which is located in the northernmost first-story bay, and the other of which pierces the second-story gable and is set slightly off-center. A vertically divided, four-light, fixed, vinyl diamond window occupies the southernmost bay of the first story. Although the sash has been replaced, the diamond-shaped opening appears to be original. The north (rear) elevation has a shed dormer that matches that evidenced on the façade, and a one-story, gable-roofed frame addition.

Secondary Resources (buildings, sites, structures, objects)

The wood-frame, one-story garage has a front-gabled roof sheathed with standing-seam metal roofing. Two replacement, roll-up, paneled, vinyl doors cover the facade.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates 1936

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Summary Statement of Significance

Built in 1936 for Carrie T. Lee (1903-2000), née Moning, the modest frame residence at 115 Edgewood Road is a typical example of a simple, Craftsman style bungalow. The house shares the low-slung proportions, wide, overhanging eaves, a nearly full-width front porch, and prominent front and rear dormers that are characteristic of the bungalow form. The tapered and grouped porch supports and the simple, structural eave brackets reflect the Craftsman style influence on the design. The house stands in a historically African-American enclave that around the turn of the twentieth century was occupied by watermen harvesting oysters from the Chesapeake Bay. Few of the earliest buildings remain in the community. Although not built until the 1930s, the Lee-Moning House is a rare survivor in the area.

Historical Narrative

In 1928, before she was married, Carrie T. Lee of New York purchased lot number six on the north side of "the road leading from the public road to public landing."¹ She acquired the property from Mary C. Green who had bought it from Charles L. Goodhand in 1900. The same year, Goodhand had purchased the lot at a public auction from the county tax collector. The previous owner of the land, Jacob Richardson failed to pay his state and county taxes and thus his land was sold at auction.

The house occupies a half-acre lot on the north side of Edgewood Road, a stretch that has been subdivided into numerous, small lots. According to historic maps, as far back as 1904, this stretch of road and the portion of Cox Neck Road south of Edgewood Road encompassed several closely placed buildings.² The area is not named on maps, but appears to have been a relatively densely built up enclave of approximately 20 houses. In the 1900 census, Jacob Richardson, a 48-year-old, African-American oysterman lived within an enclave of approximately 15 black families, including Mary C. Green and her husband George A. Green. George Green was also an oysterman.³ In the second half of the nineteenth century, the volume of commercial oystering and crabbing began to dramatically increase in the Chesapeake Bay region.⁴ The growth of the industry increased its allure as a profession, attracting a large number of practitioners. In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, oyster-shucking houses and seafood-packing factories were also

¹ See Chain of Title, Continuation Sheet 8-2.

² U.S. Geological Survey, St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle (15 Minute Series), 1904.

³ 1900 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, District 4, Enumeration District 63, Sheet 7 (Green) and Sheet 8 (Richardson).

⁴ Robert J. Brugger, *Maryland: A Middle Temperament, 1634-1980* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1988), pp. 321-328. A chart depicting the annual oyster harvest between 1840-1980 can be found at Brugger, *Maryland*, p. 786. Also Charles B. Clark, *The Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia, vol. II* (New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Company, Inc., 1950), pp. 871-874. Also Donald G. Shomette, "Kent Narrows Timeline" (Queen Anne's County Heritage Consortium, Chester, Md., 2004, photocopy).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	0.53 acres	
Acreage of historical setting	0.53 acres	
Quadrangle name	Kent Island	Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000 (7.5 minute)

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property boundary is defined by the current parcel boundaries shown on tax map 64, grid 1, parcel 43 in Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Kathryn Gettings Smith and Gerald M. Maready, Jr., Architectural Historians		
organization	History Matters, LLC	date	November 16, 2007
street & number	1502 21 st Street, NW, 2 nd Floor	telephone	202-223-8845
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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established throughout the county.⁵ These industries frequently employed African-American workers. In addition, many African-Americans owned their own boats, and harvested oysters from the Bay, mainly using tongs.⁶ The enclave around Edgewood Road was one of several African-American maritime communities that developed by the turn of the twentieth century.

The house that Lee-Moning had built is a typical bungalow form with Craftsman-style detailing. The bungalow form rose to prominence in the 1920s and 1930s when home ownership among the middle and working classes in the United States greatly increased. Bungalows were designed to be inexpensive to build and easy to maintain without hired help. A typical bungalow is one or one-and-a-half stories in height; has a compact, rectilinear footprint; and features a full-width front porch, wide eaves, and a low-slung profile.

⁵ Brugger, *Maryland*, pp. 321-328, 786.

⁶ "Hand tongs were developed to pick up the oysters from a boat. Hand tongs are a long scissor-like tool with metal rakes on the ends. The waterman stands on the side of his boat, opens the tongs, and reaches to the bottom of the river. He closes the tongs, scooping the oysters between the rakes. He then lifts the tongs into the boat and dumps the oysters onto the culling board. The river might be fifteen or more feet deep. The tongs are very long, heavy, and hard to manage [. . .] hand tonging is hard, slow work. Sometimes each 'lick' of the tongs brings up only a few oysters. Even so, most of the oyster harvest from the Chesapeake is taken with hand tongs." "Watermen, Harvesting the Bounty: Oysters," *The Mariners' Museum – Newport News, Virginia* (Newport News, Va.: The Mariners' Museum, 2004), accessed 16 November 2007, <<http://mariner.org/chesapeakebay/waterman/wat009.html>>.

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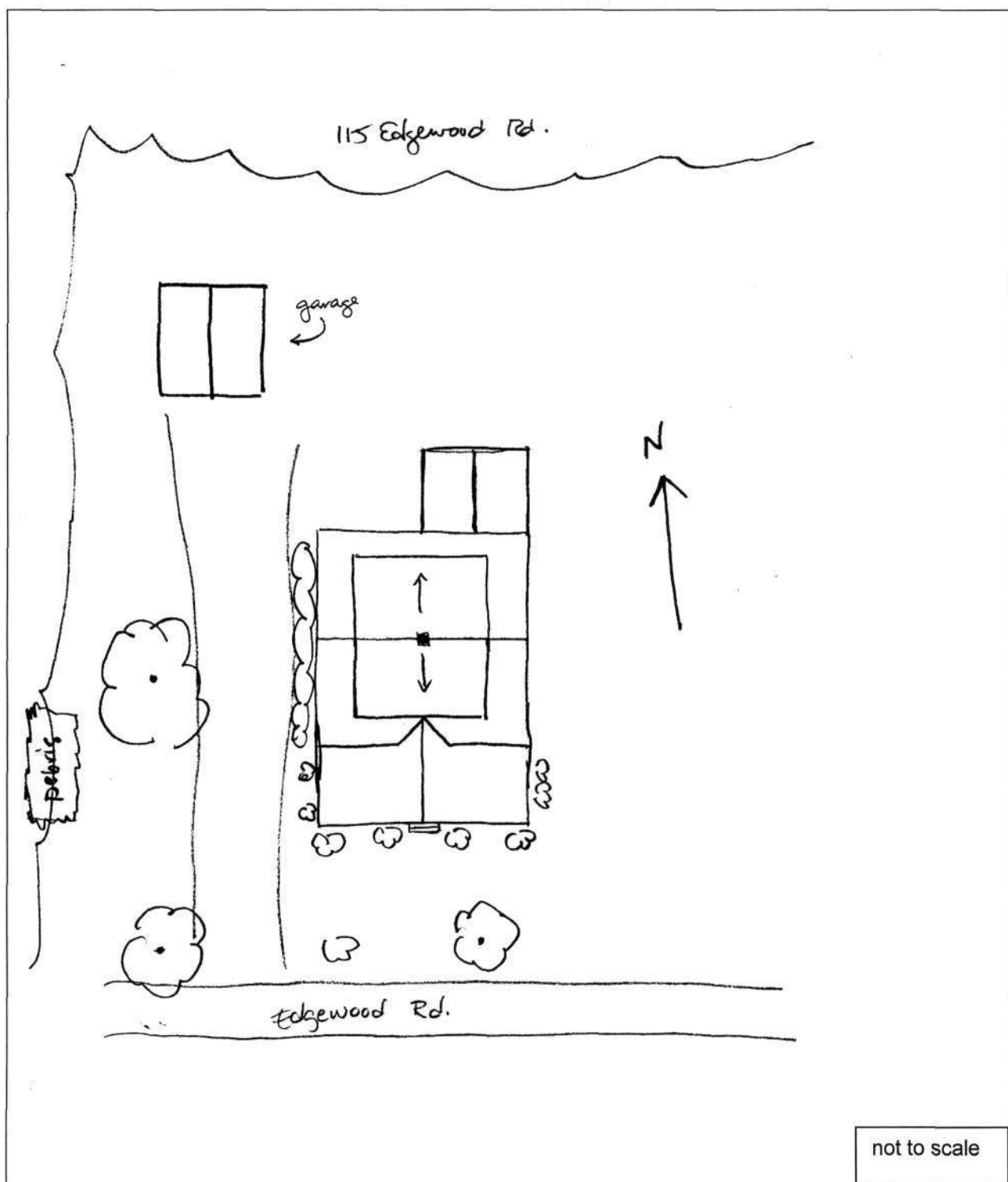
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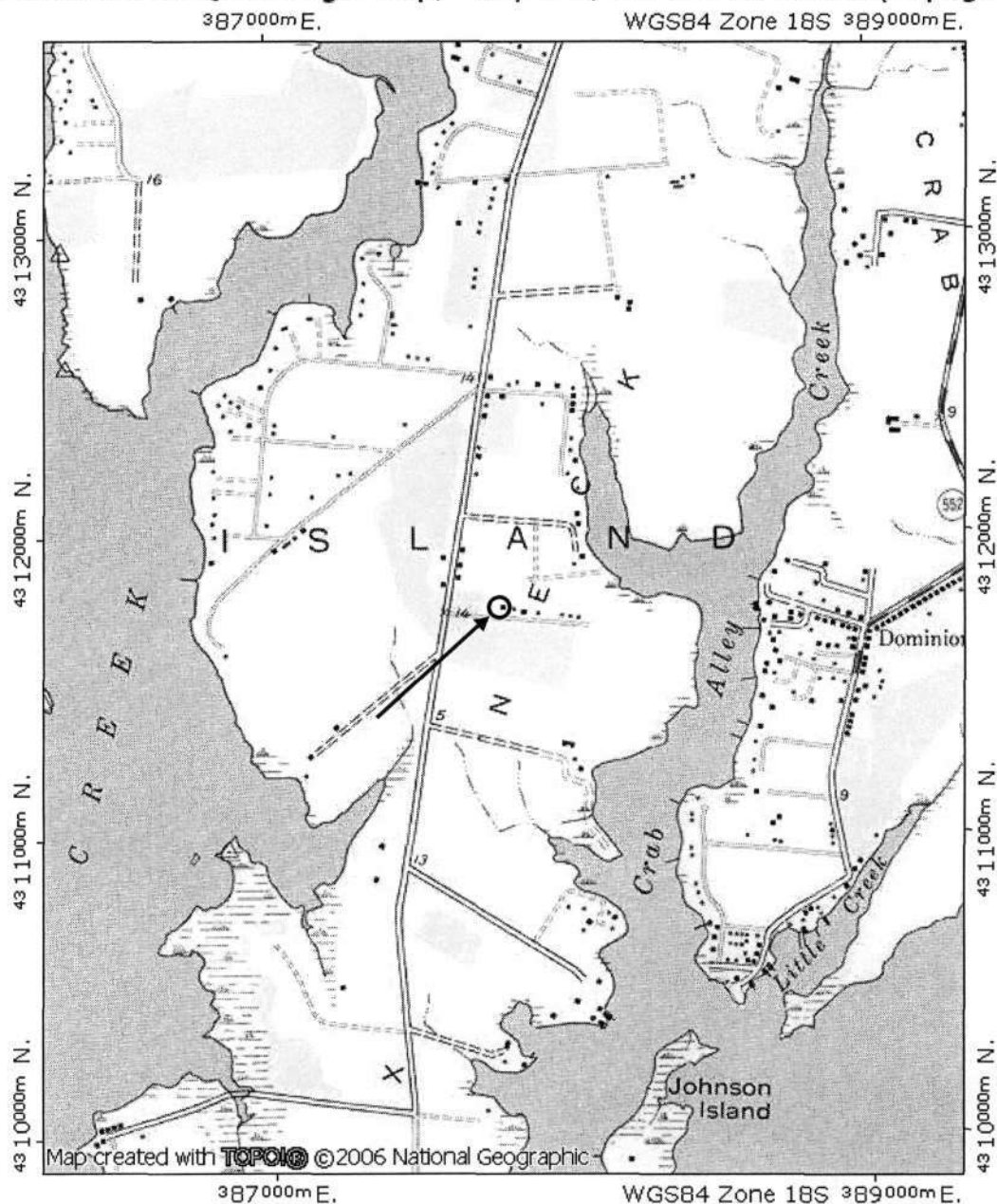
Chain of Title

- 20 February 2004 James A. Andres & Yvonne J. Andres, trustees of Andres Living Trust to Jeffrey & Terresa Souder
Liber SM 217, folio 646
One-half acre
Lot #6 on the road leading from the public road to public landing
- 4 Sept 2003 Warranty Deed: James A. & Yvonne J. Andres, Trustees convey & warrant they are sole and lifetime beneficiaries of Andres Living Trust
Liber SM 1154, folio 618
One-half acre
Exhibit B includes description of parcel (same as 2/20/04)
- 19 January 1999 Carrie Lee Moning to James A. Andres & Yvonne J. Andres
Liber SM 658, folio 394
One-half acre
Lot #6
- 30 May 1928 Etta E. Reed of Kent Island, Ethel E. Stephenson & John E. Stephenson (husband) of New York, Percie A. Clarke & John H. Clarke of Long Island, State of New York, James E. Green & Zofara Green of New York, Anna B. Green of Baltimore and Mary C. Green of Baltimore (heirs of Mary C. Green, late of Kent Island) to Carrie T. Lee
Liber BHT 8, folio 154
One-half acre
Lot #6
- 29 November 1900 Hugh A. Legg (tax collector-4th district) sold at public auction to Charles L. Goodhand of Queen Anne's County, the property assessed to Jacob Richardson for payment of state & county taxes in arrears.
Charles L. Goodhand sold to Mary C. Green
Liber JEG 1, folio 338
2 1/2 acres +/-
Lot of land improved by a frame dwelling house situated & lying in Coxes Neck on Kent Island adjoining the lands of A. Miles & others

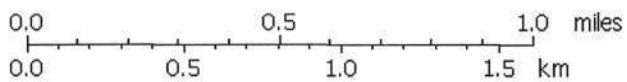


Site Plan
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Lee-Moning House
115 Edgewood Road
Chester vicinity
Queen Anne's County, Maryland

USGS Kent Island Quadrangle Map, Maryland, 7.5 Minute Series (Topographic)



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